Frustration prevailing amongst the Indian Airlines Pilots

927. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 Indian Airlines Pilots have applied for jobs in Gulf countries due to the general frustration prevailing amongst the pilots;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to remove the frustration amongst the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Gulf Air had floated a global advertisement for Boeing-737 pilots, offering lucrative tax-free salaries. However, no information is available about the number of pilots of Indian Airlines who have applied for jobs in the Gulf countries.

(c) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been arrived at between the management of Indian Airlines and the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association (ICPA) for the period 1.10.1985 to 31.8.1990 and Government approval has also been conveyed. MOU provides for reasonable improvement in the salary and allowances of pilots.

Discussion with Government of Canada regarding help to terrorists by Canadian nationals

928. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he or Minister of State for External Affairs made visits to Canada during the year 1988;

(b) whether during these visits it was brought to the notice of that Government that there was definite proof in possession of Government of India to show that some Canadian nationals were helping terrorists in Punjab; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Canadian Government and final outcome of the talks held in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) From time to time Government has drawn the attention of the Government of Canada to the strong evidence of assistance provided by some Canadian nationals for terrorist activities in Punjab. This matter was discussed during the visit of the Minister of State for External Affairs to Canada in 1988.

(c) The Canadian Government confirmed that it would continue to cooperate with the Government of India in combating the International dimensions of terrorist activities directed against India.

Record of furniture at the residences of Indian Missions Abroad

929. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no record of handing-over/taking-over of stocks, machinery and furnitures at the residences of the Indian Missions abroad has been kept till date by any machinery;

(b) whether Government have any machinery to inspect the stock, furniture etc. at the residences of Indian Missions abroad and whether a periodical inspection is made of such articles, if so, the details about composion of said machinery;

(c) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that several articles were found missing